



**WASHINGTON STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY CERTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**June 13, 2008**

**LOCATION:** Department of Health  
Creekside Three at CenterPoint, 2nd Floor, Room 1  
20435 72nd Avenue South  
Kent, Washington 98032

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Paul Weatherly, CDP, Chair  
Sharon Chambers, CDP, Vice-Chair  
Karen Christensen, CDP  
Cathy Doran, CDP, LMHC  
Deb Cummins, DSHS/DASA Representative  
David Burkett, CDP

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Grace Creasman, CDP

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Karen Kelley, Deputy Executive Director  
Leslie Magby, Acting Program Manager

**AAG PRESENT:**

Mike Tribble, Assistant Attorney General

**1. CALL TO ORDER – Paul Weatherly, CDP, Chair**

**9:04 A.M.**

- 1.1** The meeting agenda was approved as written.
- 1.2** The March 21, 2008 meeting minutes were approved as written.

## **2. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **2.1 May issue of “The Sentinel News for Department Employees.”**

The item listed under the consent agenda was approved by a single motion.

## **3. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES – Paul Weatherly, CDP, Chair**

### **3.1 Credentialing sub-committee discussion and update**

Committee members looked at Florida to see if the requirements were substantially equivalent to the standards in Washington.

Committee members agreed the following met the requirements:

- Certified Addiction Counselor
- Certified Addiction Professional

Florida’s Certified Addiction Specialist does not meet the requirements.

Committee members agreed that in determining a state’s substantial equivalence, if a person is NAADAC or ICRC certified only the additional forty-five quarter or thirty semester credits should be verified. A review of the state’s chemical dependency coursework is not necessary to determine substantial equivalence.

Deb Cummins gave a handout to committee members about information regarding the American Psychological Association’s Certificate of Proficiency in the treatment of alcohol and other psychoactive substance use disorders.

**ACTION** – Deb Cummins will research Hawaii’s licensed psychologist further and bring information to the next meeting.

### **3.2 Training Alternatives sub-committee discussion and update**

Committee members discussed psychologists participating in fellowship programs which include subjects such as trauma and addictions. These fellowships are typically a year-long program with weekly seminars. Most of the contents of the fellowship programs are equivalent to chemical dependency educational requirements. There is no examination at the end of the fellowship but there are extensive evaluations throughout the course of the program. The fellowship program would like to be able to offer students an exam they could take that would make them eligible for chemical dependency certification.

**ACTION** – Deb Cummins will get a syllabus as an example of the fellowship training contents for further review.

These are post-graduate individuals coming from these programs. Committee members are confident that Ph.D. level professionals are receiving adequate training.

**ACTION** – Committee members will look into developing alternative training for master's level individuals in order to reduce barriers in the chemical dependency field.

#### 4. MANAGER REPORTS

- 4.1** Leslie Magby discussed the current budget with committee members. The May interim report indicated a current balance of (\$107,159).

Leslie Magby provided a handout to committee members, outlining the proposed fee increases for Chemical Dependency Professionals, effective August 2008. The proposed fee increases are as follows:

Fee Type	Total Current Fee	Total Proposed New Fee
Application	100.00	200.00
Initial Certification	125.00	225.00
Renewal	125.00	230.00
Renewal Retired Active	62.50	115.00
Late Renewal Retired Active	50.00	57.50
Late Renewal Penalty	62.50	115.00
Expired Certification Reissuance	62.50	115.00
Duplicate Certification	10.00	No change
Certification of Certificate	10.00	No change

- 4.2** Leslie Magby presented current licensing statistics and exam results to committee members:

Current License Totals	June 2, 2008	March 11, 2008
Total Active	2,812	2,646
Total Inactive	3	3
Total Retired	94	89
Total Suspended	27	25
Total Expired	862	1,000

Exam Results	March 2008	December 2007
Total Applicants Sitting for Exam	46	70
Total Passing Applicants	37	48
Total Failing Applicants	9	13
Total Pass Rate	80%	79%

- 4.3** Leslie Magby presented current disciplinary statistics to committee members:

**Open Case Step Report - June 6, 2008**

Intake and Assessment	1
Investigation	47
Case Disposition	15
Pending Service	14
Total Number of Open Cases	77

- 4.4** Leslie Magby shared with committee members the current recruitment efforts for the public member vacancy and the status of a replacement for Paul Weatherly.

#### 5. DISCUSSION REGARDING WAC 246-811-049 "WHO MAY ACT AS AN APPROVED SUPERVISOR?" – Paul Weatherly, CDP, Chair

Based on the current language in WAC 246-811-049, individuals without credentials are permitted to act as clinical supervisors. Karen Kelley mentioned the language in the rule may have been established during the first transition from registered counselor to the chemical dependency credential. Ms. Kelley explained that the elimination of the current language may create a barrier for out-of-state, qualified health care professionals to act as approved supervisors.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mike Towey from Tacoma Community College reported that they are offering a chemical dependency training institute during the summer. The training institute consists of four core chemical dependency courses and lasts four and a half weeks. The training is located off-site so that it does not compete with the Associate's program at Tacoma Community College. The training institute begins July 14, 2008 and will continue through the second week in August.

**7. NORTHWEST CONSORTIUM OF CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY EDUCATORS' (NCCDE) CONCERNS ABOUT SUPERVISION OF CDPTs**

Committee members reviewed a letter from NCCDE which addressed concerns about the supervision and training of Chemical Dependency Professional Trainees (CDPT) in the field. The letter recommended specific changes to DASA's WAC 388-805. NCCDE believes that their recommended changes put more accountability in the training requirements for future Chemical Dependency Professionals.

**8. RULEMAKING DISCUSSION FOR NEW CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONAL TRAINEE (CDPT) CREDENTIAL**

Karen Kelley explained this rulemaking process should focus solely on implementing legislation which creates the new CDPT credential. Other potential rule changes should be suggested at a future date, so that there are no controversial items in this rule package that might potentially delay implementation.

Committee members reviewed the first set of draft rules that were created by Karen Kelley. After review of the draft, committee members provided their suggestions for revisions.

**ACTION** – Karen Kelley will make the committee's suggested changes to the rules and e-mail the revised version to committee members and the CDP Listserv, asking for comments.

**9. RECOGNITION OF SERVICE FOR PAUL WEATHERLY AND ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Robert Nicoloff presented Paul Weatherly with a plaque for recognition of his service on the committee.

Committee members voted to elect a new Chair. The vote was unanimous, electing Sharon Chambers as the new Chair.

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**1:26 P.M.**

The next scheduled meetings for 2008:

October 17, 2008 – Kent, Washington

December 5, 2008 – Kent, Washington

Submitted by:

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Leslie Magby, Acting Program Manager  
Chemical Dependency Certification  
Advisory Committee

Approved by:

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Sharon Chamber, CDP, Chair  
Chemical Dependency Certification  
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